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The Honorable Charles Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Grassley:

Abbott's relationships with the clinical community improve the treatment of patients by driving the development of new medicines and technology and the sharing of knowledge among health care professionals. Abbott supports the revised Physician Payments Sunshine Act, which will enhance transparency as well as preserve these important interactions with health care providers.

The legislation will help to increase public trust in this critical work through the creation of a single national source for information about payments to physicians by pharmaceutical, medical device, and medical supply companies. Additionally, by preempting the various local and state reporting or disclosure laws that have been enacted or are pending, the Sunshine Act will provide clarity for patients and a consistent, clear standard for companies.

Abbott appreciates your efforts to work with various stakeholders, and consider our comments during the drafting process. We look forward to working with you as the legislation advances through Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miles White", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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